



COMING EVENTS

What's coming up in middle school @NCC:



- **Jump 6 :: Monday, January 20 • On Location.** We're jumping back in to our on location series after surviving the first snow storm of 2020! We're going to be heading to Paris, France to take a look at the Eiffel Tower. Bring a friend & some change because checkers will be open! 6:30-8:00 in Lower Court
- **Vertical Edge :: Tuesday, January 21 • Campus Night.** Tonight we are jumping back into the 2 Timothy series which we were exploring before Christmas. We will also be having an "I survived Snowapocalypse 2020" party! Grab a friend or two who have never experienced the awesomeness of VE & we'll see you there! Remember slushies are free for first-time visitors & their friends who bring them. Checkers will be open! 7:00-9:00 in West Court.

January 18/19 lesson

Series: 1 John
Lesson: 1 John 2
Scripture: 1 John 2 & various

Chew Time Luke 10:21-37



A. Review of the themes that can be found throughout 1 John:

- _____ of God (CG): ex. His holiness, love, mercy, truthfulness, faithfulness, goodness, patience, justice.
- _____ of Jesus (CJ): We are saved by God's grace through faith in Christ, and by faith alone. Jesus Christ, who by his death has redeemed humanity from the power of sin, death and eternal punishment.
- Christian _____ (CD): learning to walk in the "light".
- Love & _____ (LF): living in "love" with one another. The unity of the body of Christ.
- Importance of _____ Teaching (IT): knowing & understanding what we believe as a Christian.
- Confidence of _____ (CS): being certain that believers are children of God

Now let's try to identify some themes in this passage:

1 John 1:5-10 Living in the Light

- ✠ ⁵ *This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. ⁶ So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. ⁷ But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.*
- ⁸ *If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.*
- ⁹ *But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.*



B. Read 2:1-6

1. **CJ** _____ :

v.2 *He himself is the sacrifice (ESV _____) that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.*

Think about the following words: _____, _____, _____ and _____. These words describe four characteristics of God. At the cross these 4 characteristics of God met together.

Use the following verses to illustrate these characteristics:

1. Romans 1:18 God's Anger at Sin

¹⁸ But God shows his anger (_____) from heaven against all _____, wicked people who _____ the _____ by their wickedness

2. John 3:16 *"For God _____ the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him _____ but have eternal life.*

3. 2 Corinthians 5:19 *For God was in Christ, _____ the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.*

4 good reasons for evangelism based upon just these verses 1-2!!

- 1. God's _____ for the _____
- 2. Christ's _____ death for the _____ of all
- 3. Our _____ to God's _____
- 4. Our _____ to God's _____



C. Read Verses 3-6

1. What subject do you hate to do a test for? _____

It is like John is providing us with a test of assurance that we are indeed in the family of God. John is giving you an opportunity to test yourself as to whether you are truly a Christian.

1 John 2:3 *And we can be sure that we _____ him if we obey his commandments.*

2. John likes the word “know”. In fact, he uses it _____ times in his letters 😊.

How can we “know” something?

1) We can _____ it 2) We can _____ it.

3. **1 John 2:4** *If someone claims, “I _____ God,” but doesn’t _____ (_____) God’s commandments, that person is a _____ and is not living in the truth*

This word “obey/keep” literally means “to look upon something as your treasure and therefore to guard it as your treasure”.



Jesus spoke very strongly against **hypocrites**:

Matthew 23:25 *“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the _____ of the cup and the dish, but _____ you are _____—full of _____ and _____ !”*

4. Does that word “liar” seem harsh to you? Yet, John is just doing what any pastor/ teacher is to do. Check it out:

2 Timothy 4:2 *Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently _____, _____, and _____ your people with good teaching*